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PRITHVIRAJ CHAUHAN



MUCH BEFORE THE ADVENT OF THE MUGHALS IN INDIA, DELHI WAS RULED BY A BRAVE KING, PRITHVIRAJ CHAUHAN.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, KANNAUJ, A MUCH BIGGER AND MORE POWERFUL KINGDOM THAN DELHI, WAS RULED BY JAICHAND.

MAHARAJ, YOU HAVE ONLY TO PERFORM THE RAJASUYA YAGNA TO BECOME AN EMPEROR.

I WISH I WERE THE EMPEROR OF INDIA.



A GOOD IDEA. THOSE WHO DARE OPPOSE ME SHALL BE DESTROYED.



INFORM ALL THE KINGS THAT THEY SHOULD ACCEPT ME AS THEIR MASTER AND PARTICIPATE IN MY RAJASUYA YAGNA.

AS YOU WISH, MAHARAJ!



THE KINGS WHO REFUSED TO ACCEPT JAICHAND AS THEIR RULER HAD TO FACE THE MIGHT OF HIS FORCES.



FINALLY, JAICHAND WAS ACCEPTED AS THE SOLE RULER BY ALL THE KINGS EXCEPT ONE.



I AM GLAD THAT ALL THESE KINGS ACCEPT MY SUPREMACY... BUT WHAT ABOUT PRITHVIRAJ?

THE MESSENGER HAS NOT YET RETURNED, MAHARAJ.

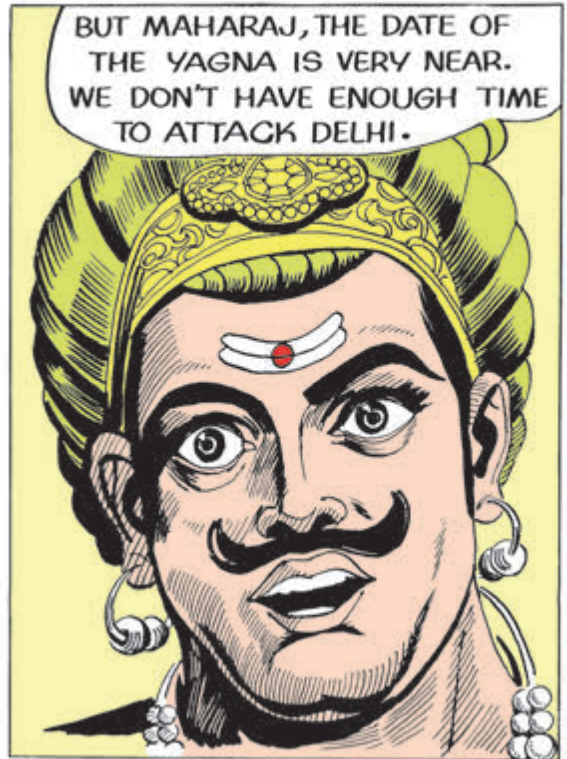
PRITHVIRAJ BECAME VERY ANGRY WITH JAICHAND'S MESSENGER. HIS GURU SPOKE TO THE MESSENGER.



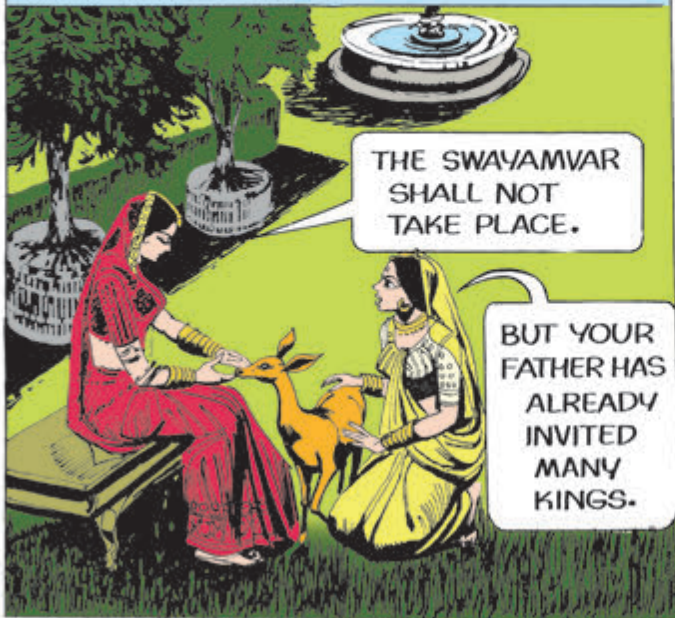
GO AND TELL YOUR MASTER THAT DELHI WILL HAVE ONLY PRITHVIRAJ AS ITS KING.

PRITHVIRAJ WAS SO UPSET BY WHAT HE HAD HEARD THAT TO DROWN HIS ANGER, HE WENT ON A HUNTING EXPEDITION.





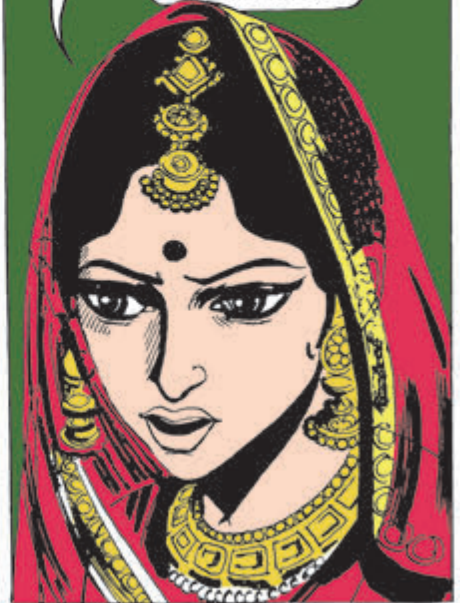
BUT HAVING LISTENED TO MANY TALES OF PRITHVIRAJ'S BRAVERY, SAMYOGITA HAD FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HIM WITHOUT EVEN MEETING HIM.



THE SWAYAMVAR SHALL NOT TAKE PLACE.

BUT YOUR FATHER HAS ALREADY INVITED MANY KINGS.

I WILL NOT CHOOSE ANY OF THEM. I HAVE ALREADY CHOSEN MAHARAJ PRITHVIRAJ.



BUT YOUR FATHER DOESN'T LIKE HIM.



WHY? BECAUSE HE HAD THE COURAGE TO OPPOSE MY FATHER. I'LL MARRY PRITHVIRAJ AND NONE OTHER.

THE NEWS OF BOTH, THE HUMILIATION PLANNED FOR HIM BY JAICHAND, AND SAMYOGITA'S LOVE FOR HIM REACHED PRITHVIRAJ.

CHAND, MY FRIEND, MY HONOUR IS AT STAKE. I MUST MARRY SAMYOGITA.



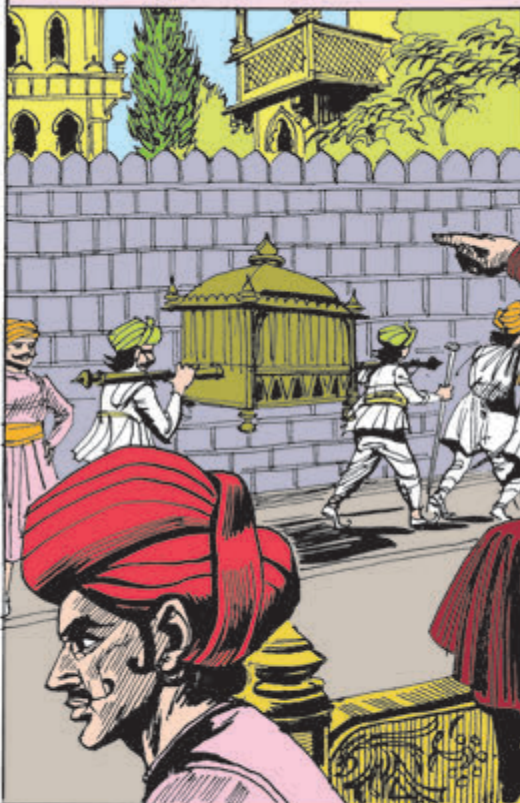
BUT HOW WILL YOU DO THAT, MAHARAJ?

JAICHAND WILL NOT
LET ME ENTER KANNAUJ.
BUT HE WILL NOT
STOP A LEARNED MAN
LIKE YOU.



SO CHAND PROCEEDED TO
KANNAUJ WITH PRITHVIRAJ DIS-
GUISED AS HIS BETEL-CARRIER
AND A HUNDRED SELECTED
WARRIORS ALSO DISGUISED AS
SERVANTS.

AFTER SEVERAL DAYS, THEY
REACHED KANNAUJ.



THAT
SHINING
GOLD-COVERED
DOME IS JAICHAND'S
PALACE, MAHARAJ!

DON'T CALL ME
MAHARAJ. I AM
SUPPOSED TO BE
YOUR SERVANT.



CHAND WAS RECEIVED WITH HONOUR BY JAICHAND.

I HAVE HEARD THAT PRITHVIRAJ IS A GOOD FIGHTER.

YES, HE CAN STRIKE FIFTY TIMES BEFORE HIS ENEMY EVEN RAISES HIS SWORD.



JAICHAND DID NOT LIKE CHAND'S REPLY BUT HE KEPT QUIET.

GO AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUR GUEST'S STAY.



THEN JAICHAND RETIRED TO HIS PALACE.



JAICHAND WAS IMPRESSED BY THE PERSONALITY OF THE BETEL-CARRIER.

NEXT MORNING KING JAICHAND VISITED CHAND.

I HOPE YOU ARE COMFORTABLE HERE.

WE ARE. PLEASE SIT DOWN.



THIS MAN IS NOT AN ORDINARY SERVANT.

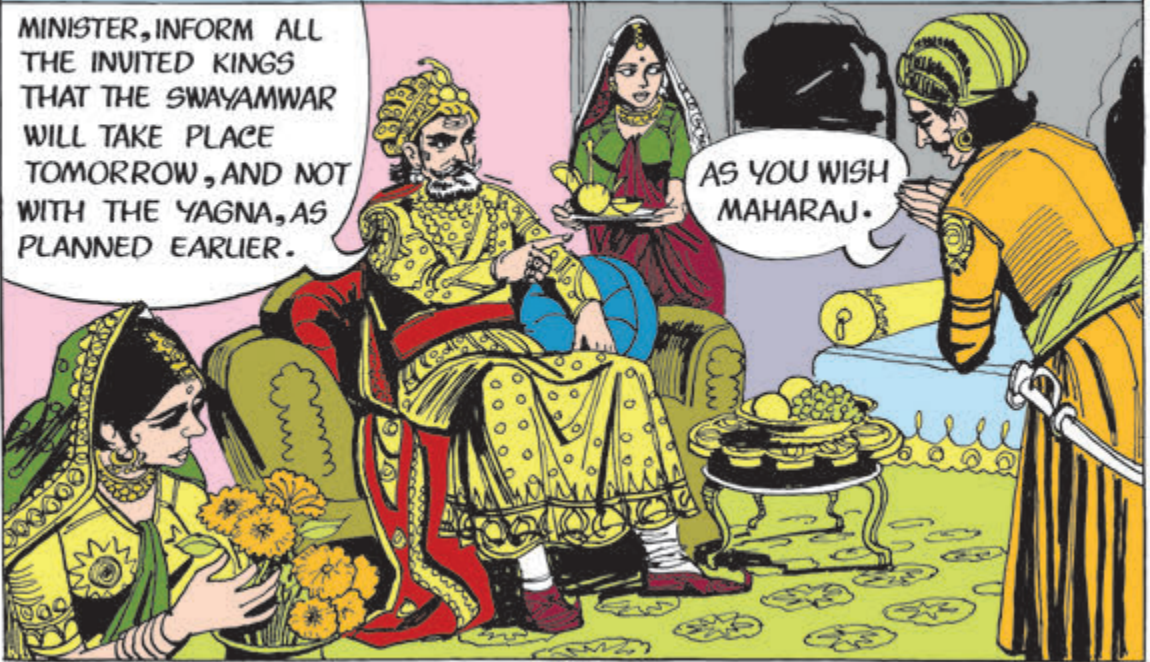




JAICHAND KNEW THAT HIS DAUGHTER HAD DECIDED TO MARRY PRITHVIRAJ AT ANY COST. HE QUICKLY CHANGED HIS PLANS.

MINISTER, INFORM ALL THE INVITED KINGS THAT THE SWAYAMWAR WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW, AND NOT WITH THE YAGNA, AS PLANNED EARLIER.

AS YOU WISH MAHARAJ.



AN EXCITED SOLDIER HURRIED TO PRITHVIRAJ.

MAHARAJ, WE HAVE NO TIME TO LOSE. THE SWAYAMWAR IS GOING TO TAKE PLACE TOMORROW.

SO SOON?



YES, AND JAICHAND IS GOING TO PLACE YOUR STATUE AT THE GATE TO HUMILIATE YOU.

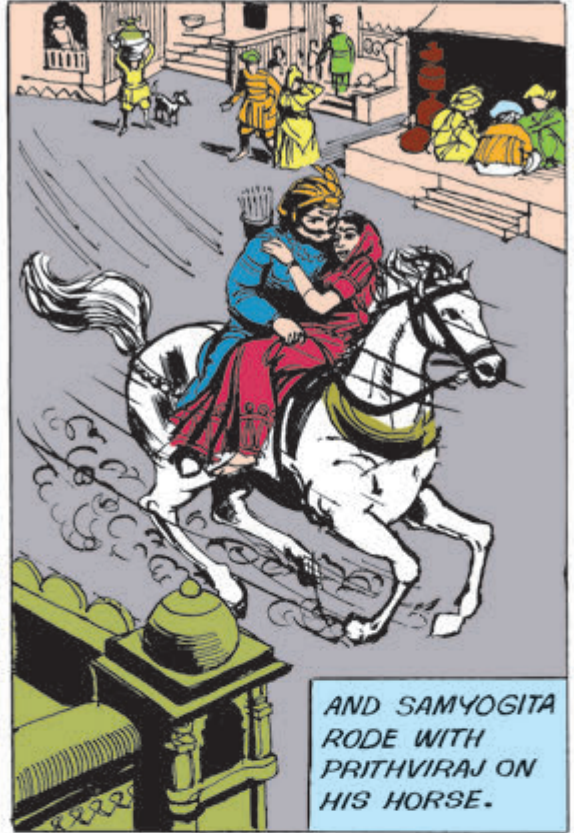
HE SHALL PAY DEARLY FOR HUMILIATING ME THUS.



NEXT DAY AT THE SWAYAMWAR, PRITHVIRAJ'S STATUE WAS PLACED NEAR THE GATE AND SAMYOGITA WAS LED TO SELECT HER HUSBAND, FROM AMONG THE ASSEMBLED KINGS, ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR *CHARANS



*CHARANS- POET WHO ACCOMPANIED KINGS TO SWAYAMWARS TO SING THEIR PRAISES WHEN THE PRINCES APPROACHED.



BUT WITHIN NO TIME JAICHAND'S HUGE ARMY HAD SURROUNDED THEM.

ATTACK AND CAPTURE
PRITHVIRAJ AT ANY COST.



*THE FIRST ATTACK ON PRITHVIRAJ WAS LED BY MIR BANDAN –
A PERSIAN OFFICER IN JAICHAND'S ARMY.*

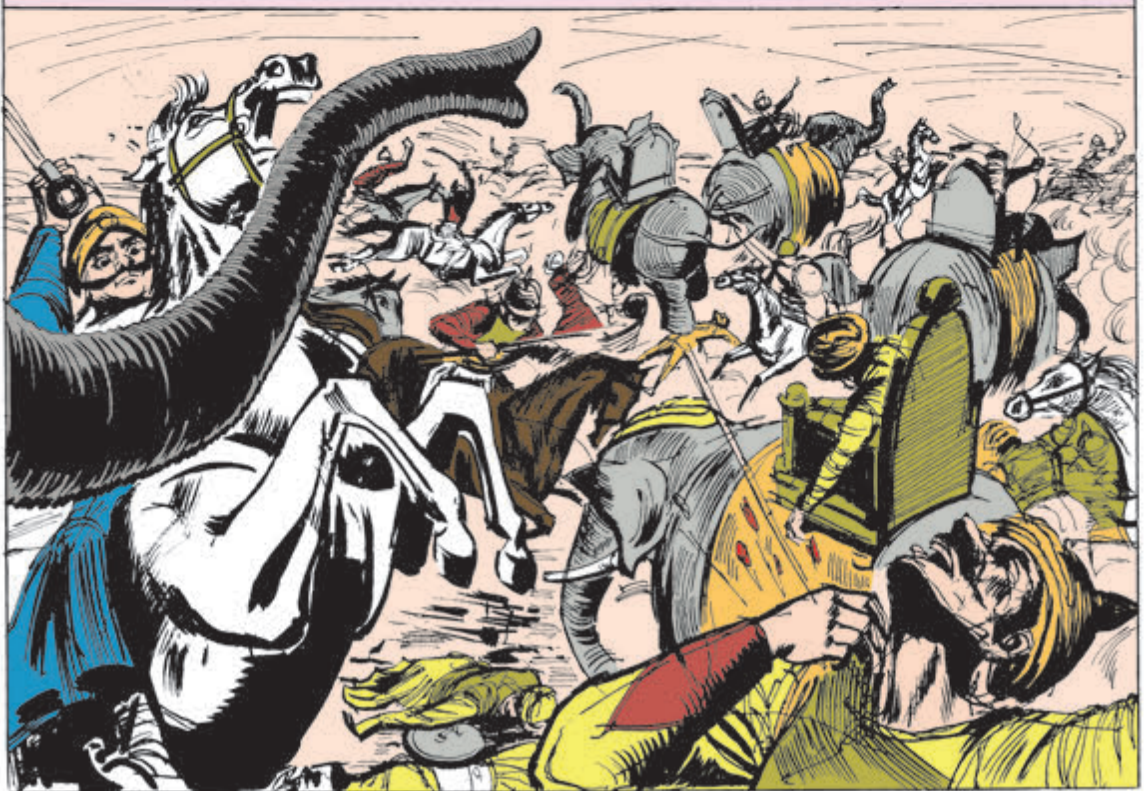


*BUT MIR BANDAN WAS
NO MATCH FOR PRITHVIRAJ.*

*WITH MIR BANDAN'S DEATH, HIS
SOLDIERS RAN HELTER-SKELTER.*



THEN PRITHVIRAJ AND HIS SOLDIERS ATTACKED JAICHAND'S MAIN FORCES.





SOON PRITHVIRAJ WITH HIS SOLDIERS CRASHED THROUGH THE ENEMY LINES. THE SOLDIERS WERE JUBILANT.



BUT THEIR JOY WAS SHORT LIVED. CUNNING JAICHAND HAD PLACED MORE SOLDIERS FARTHER DOWN THE ROUTE.



THIS TIME PRITHVIRAJ WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED. BUT HE PULLED THE ARROW OUT.



WE SHOULD CHANGE OUR STRATEGY. LET US TRAVEL THROUGH THE HILLS. WE CAN FACE THE ENEMY BETTER

THOUGH THEY PROVIDED SAFETY,
THE HILLS CHECKED THE SPEED OF
PRITHVIRAJ'S SOLDIERS. SO, THE
ENEMY STARTED COMING CLOSER.
ON A NARROW HILLY PATH —

WE WILL LEAVE ONE
WARRIOR HERE TO ENGAGE
THE ENEMY AND THE
OTHERS WILL PROCEED
TO DELHI.

NO..



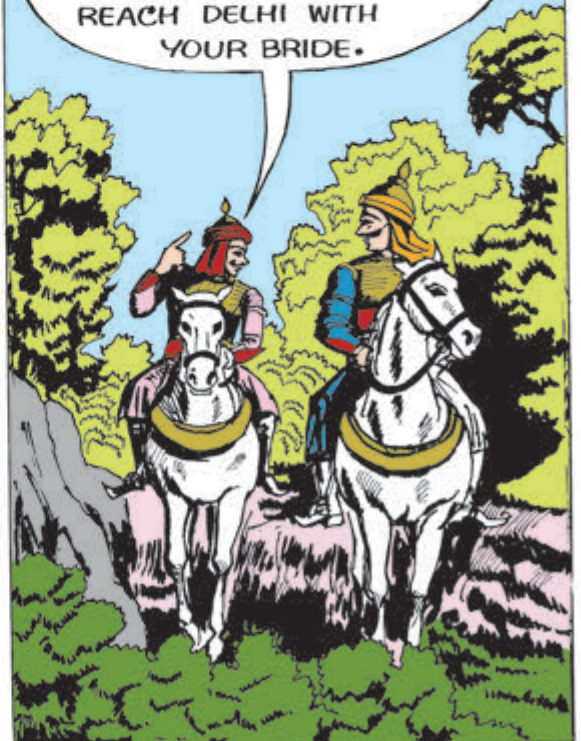
... I AM NOT A
COWARD, I WILL
STAY HERE AND
FACE THE
ENEMY.



NOBODY CAN DOUBT YOUR
BRAVERY, MAHARAJ. BUT OUR
AIM IS NOT TO FIGHT THE
ENEMY BUT TO
AVENGE YOUR
INSULT....



.... AND THAT PURPOSE WILL NOT
BE ACHIEVED IF YOU DO NOT
REACH DELHI WITH
YOUR BRIDE.



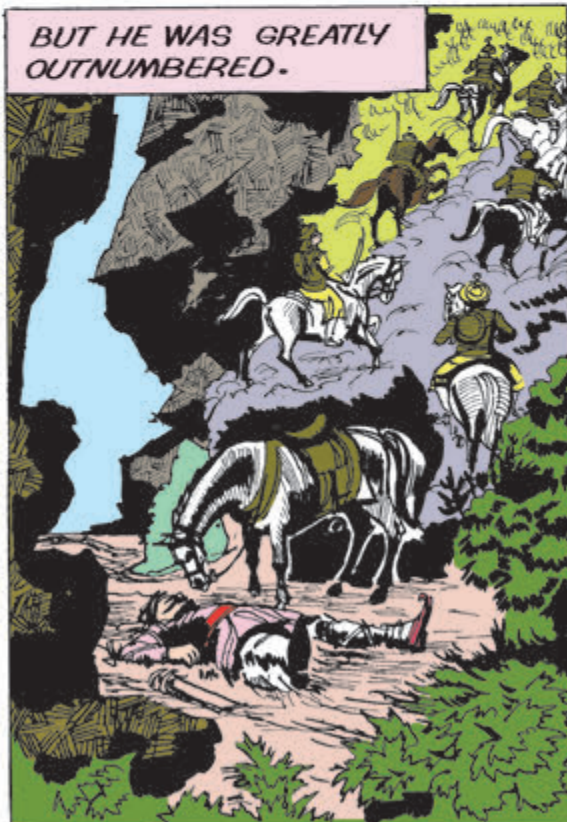
AFTER QUITE SOME PERSUASION,
PRITHVIRAJ AGREED AND THEY
LEFT BAGH RAI BEHIND TO CHECK
THE ENEMY.



BAGH RAI WAS A FIERCE
FIGHTER.



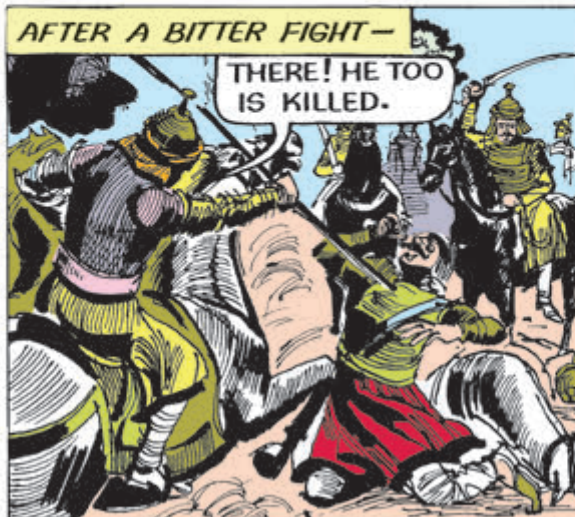
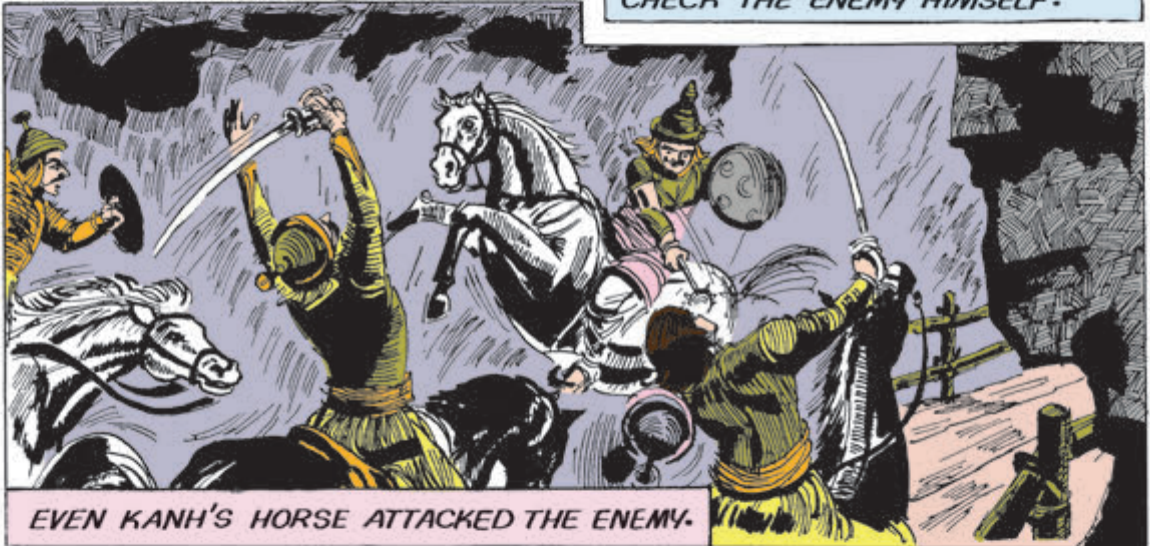
BUT HE WAS GREATLY
OUTNUMBERED.

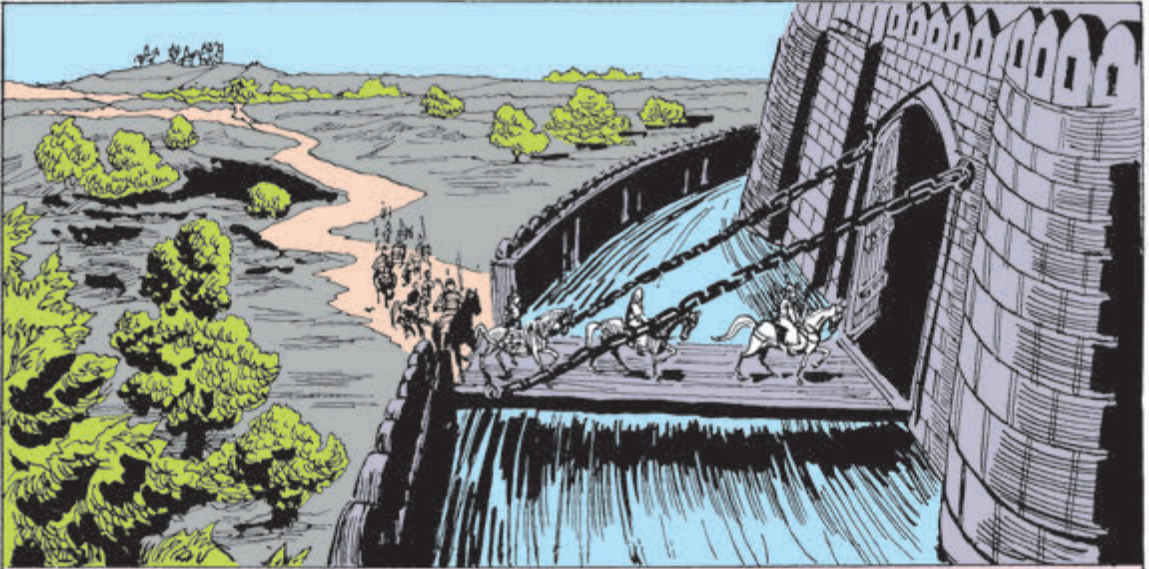


AFTER THE DEATH OF BAGH RAI, THE
JUBILANT FORCES OF THE ENEMY
RUSHED FORWARD.



BEWARE!
THERE IS
ANOTHER
BLOCKING
THE PATH.

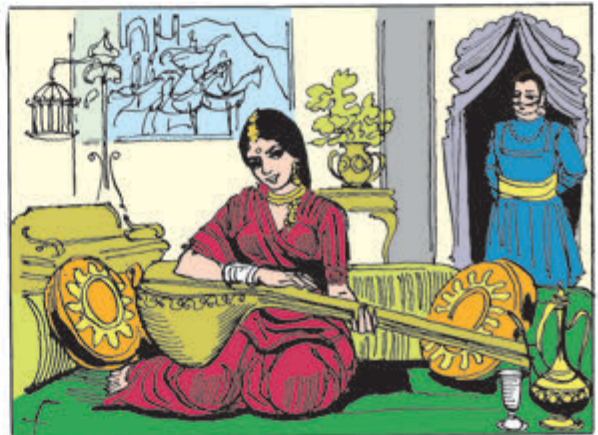


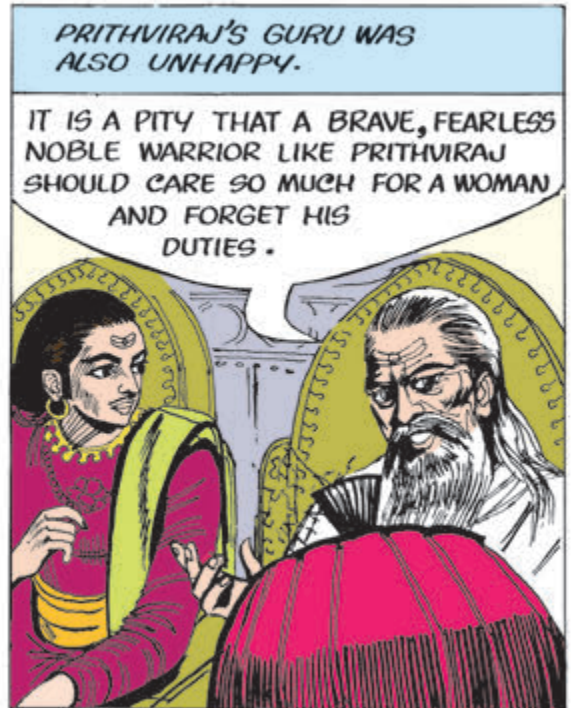


BUT BY THEN, IT WAS TOO LATE. PRITHVIRAJ HAD REACHED HIS FORT IN DELHI.



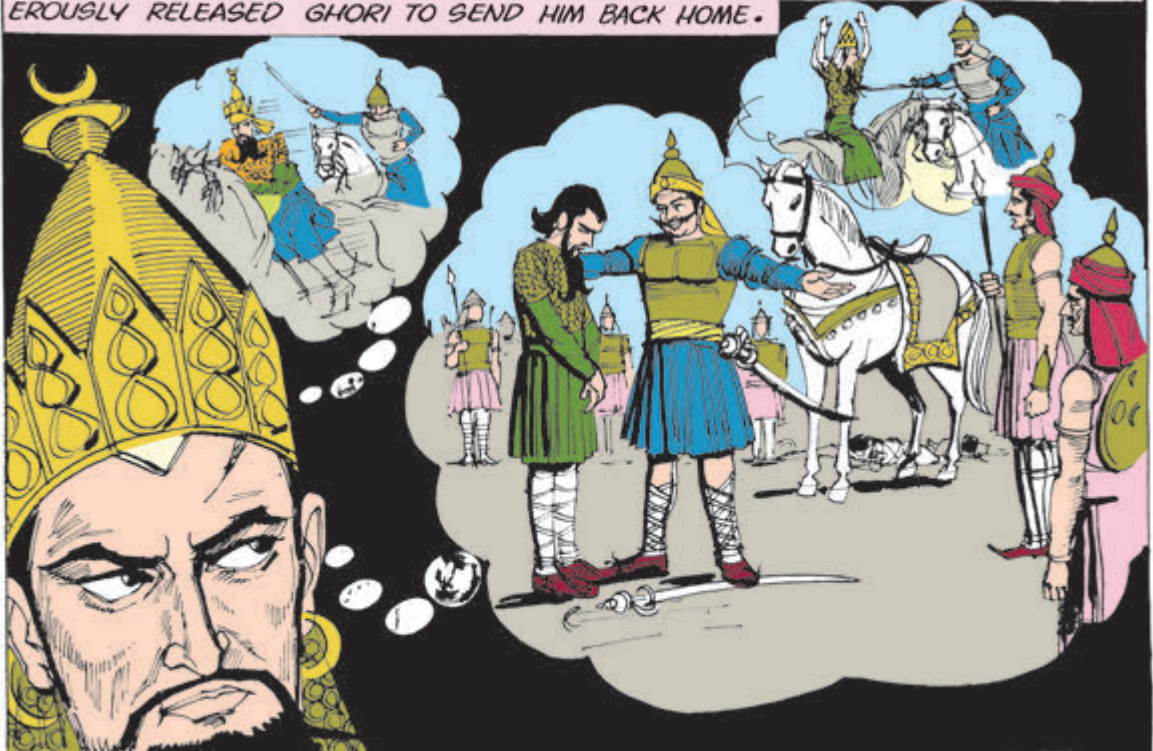
AFRAID TO FIGHT PRITHVIRAJ'S VAST ARMY, THE FRUSTRATED JAICHAND WENT BACK.







ALL THE SEVEN TIMES PRITHVIRAJ HAD DEFEATED, CAPTURED AND VERY GENEROUSLY RELEASED GHORI TO SEND HIM BACK HOME.

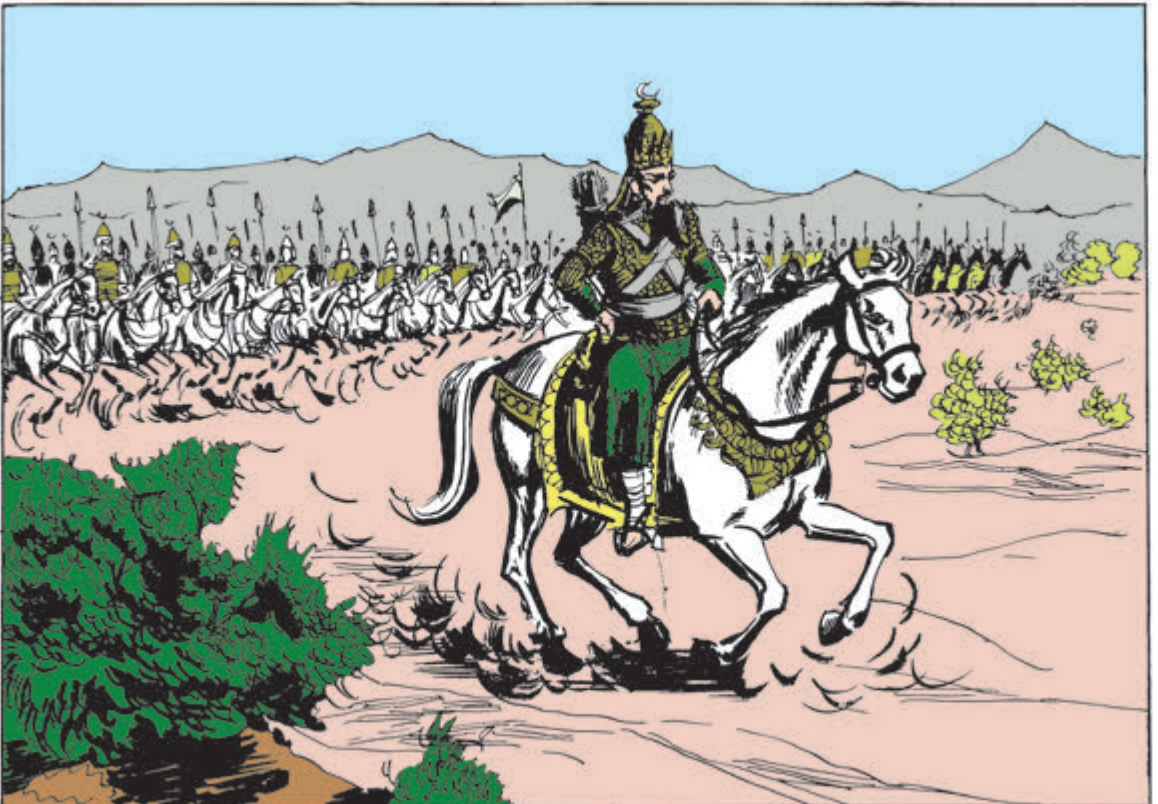


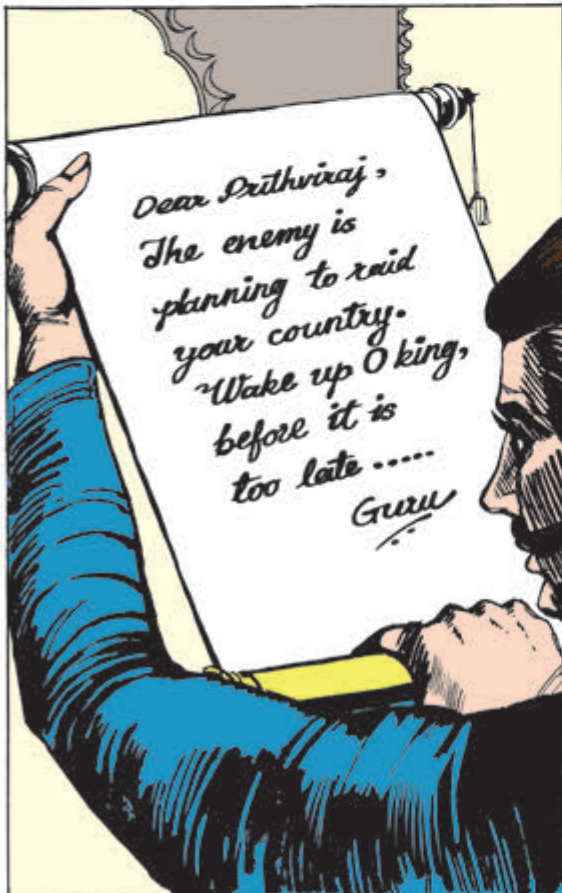
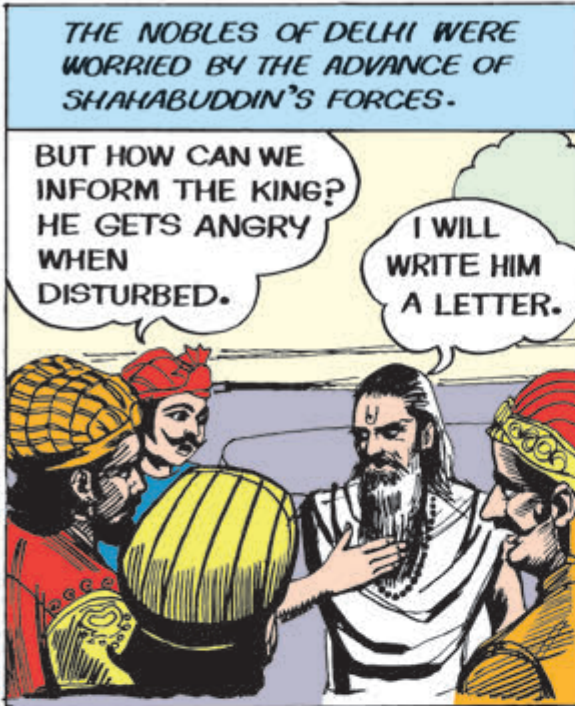
THIS TIME GHORI WAS CONFIDENT OF VICTORY AS JAICHAND HAD PROMISED TO HELP HIM IF NECESSARY.

JAICHAND IS MY ALLY. THIS IS MY CHANCE TO DEFEAT PRITHVIRAJ.



AND THUS WITH THE HELP OF THE TREACHEROUS JAICHAND SHAHABUDDIN THIS TIME RAISED A MUCH LARGER FORCE.





PRITHVIRAJ'S FORCES HAD GROWN WEAK AS HE HAD LOST THE COMMANDER AND THE CREAM OF HIS WARRIORS IN THE BATTLE WITH JAICHAND. BUT HE GATHERED THE REMAINING SOLDIERS AND LED THEM TO FACE THE ENEMY.



SHAHABUDDIN GHORI'S FORCES WERE LED BY
THREE VETERAN OFFICERS .



SOON THE TWO ARMIES WERE FIGHTING EACH OTHER.

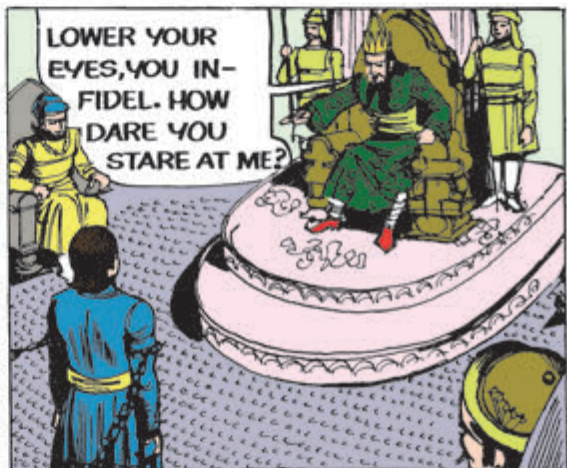




PRITHVIRAJ AND HIS SOLDIERS FOUGHT WITH EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY.



BUT PRITHVIRAJ'S SMALL FORCE WAS MASSACRED AND HE WAS CAPTURED BY GHORI'S SOLDIERS.



WHEN POET CHAND HEARD ABOUT PRITHVIRAJ'S FATE, HE DRESSED AS A SADHU AND STARTED AT ONCE FOR GHAZNI.



CHAND MET SHAHABUDDIN WHEN HE WAS PRACTISING ARCHERY.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY AIM?



GOOD, BUT VERY ORDINARY COMPARED TO MAHARAJ PRITHVIRAJ'S SKILL...

.... HE CAN PIERCE A METAL GONG WITH A HEADLESS ARROW.

IMPOSSIBLE.

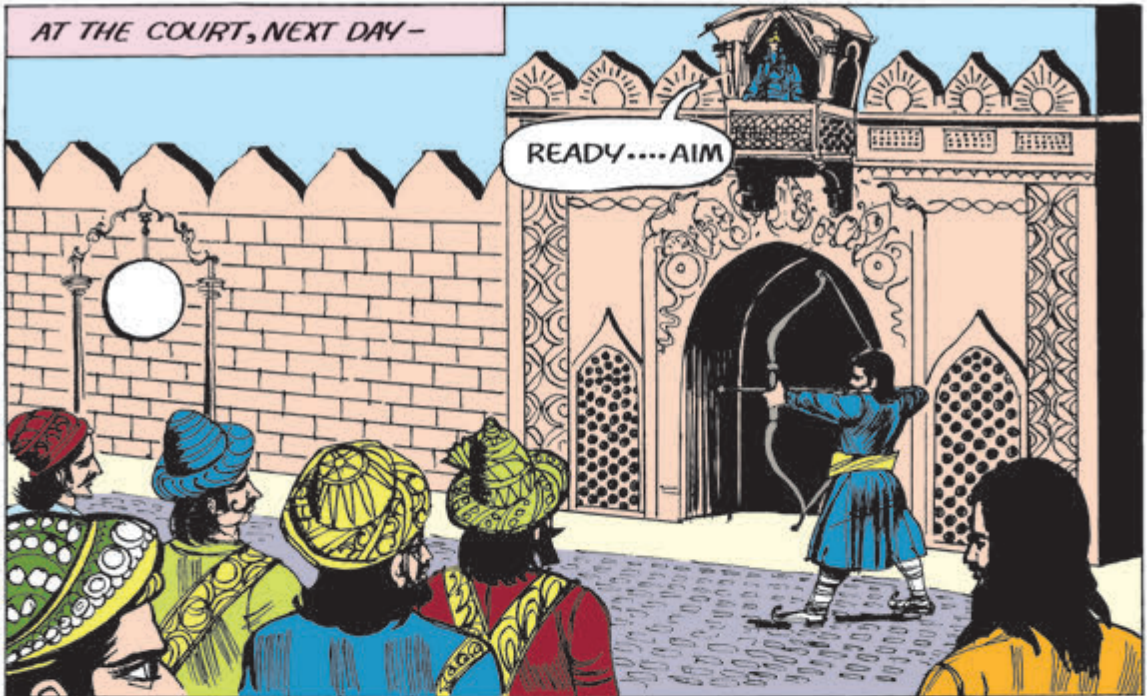


IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE. ALTHOUGH HE IS BLIND HE CAN DO IT, GUIDED ONLY BY THE SOUND OF THE GONG.

I WANT TO SEE IT, BUT IF HE FAILS, YOUR HEAD WILL BE CUT OFF.







PRITHVIRAJ LEARNT FROM HIS KEEN SENSE OF HEARING THAT HIS ENEMY WAS DEAD.



TO AVOID A HUMILIATING DEATH AT THE HANDS OF ENEMY SOLDIERS CHAND AND PRITHVIRAJ STABBED EACH OTHER AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED.



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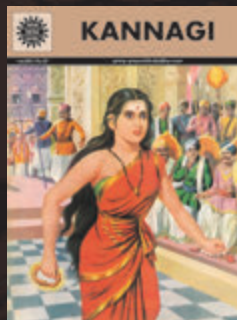
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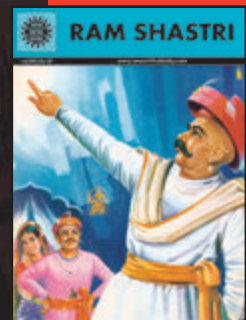
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